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State of Emergency For Snow In Delaware To Be Lifted At 6 A.M. Tuesday

But State Government Will Be Closed Tuesday, Employers Urged To Remain Closed

Dover - Governor Ruth Ann Minner Monday evening announced that the state of emergency which has been in effect in Delaware since Sunday morning will be lifted to allow travel as of 6 a.m. Tuesday. Through traffic on interstates and major arteries will be allowed Monday night.

But travel will still be impossible on many unplowed back roads statewide and travelers and employers should take that into account when making plans for Tuesday. Delaware state government will be closed Tuesday except for essential personnel, Gov. Minner said, as well as many other government, school districts and businesses.

DART public transit service will also not run Tuesday, with the exception of some paratransit.

Gov. Minner said people should realize that the passable condition of major streets and highways does not reflect the condition of all roads in Delaware.

"Most back roads and subdivision streets in all three Delaware counties will not be plowed until sometime Tuesday. And temperatures Monday night are expected to cause the slush and water that is on many Delaware roads to freeze," Gov. Minner said. "Even once the state of emergency is lifted, people should stay off the roads as much as possible and I would encourage employers to think of their employees who must travel on secondary or back roads when deciding whether to open."

After the state of emergency is lifted, National Guard troops will remain on duty to assist in police, fire and medical emergencies and in snow removal, Gov. Minner said. Stranded cars on roadways will continue to be towed at the owners' expense.